CRPF personnel killed in Jammu and Kashmir

983. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state what is the number of jawans of the Central Reserve Police Force killed, injured and kidnapped by the suspected terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir in the months of January and February, 1990 ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMED SAYEED): Two CRPF jawans were killed and 63 injured by the suspected terrorists in Jammu & Kashmir in the months of January and February, 1990. No CRPF jawan has been kidnapped during this period.

Anti-India statement by the President of Bangladesh

984. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH:

SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the statement of the President of Bangladesh to the effect that he sees India as its only adversary and possible source of threat; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) Yes, Sir. Government's attention has been drawn to statements to that effect attributed to President Ershad.

(b) Government has raised this matter with the Bangladesh Government. In a joint press conference during my visit to Bangladesh from 16—18 February, 1990, the Bangladesh Foreign Minister, in reply to a journalist's query, said that he did not think the President ever said such a thing. He further said that the President had been quoted out of context.

Booth capturing incidents in Assembly Elections

985. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of incidents of booth capturing that took place in various States during the elections of State Assemblies in February, 1990; and

(b) what action has been taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMED SAYEED): (a) and (b) Information is being collected from concerned States/UT and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Communal tensions in the country

986. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL:

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:

SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

SHRI JAGADISH JANI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Hindu chauvinists and Muslim fundamentalists are creating communal tensions in different parts of the country under one pretext or the other and if so, what are the ramifications of such activities and the effects thereof on the integrity of the nation and the steps being taken to crush such efforts; and